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Have you ever noticed how the driver of a horse drawn vehicle after dark, will always cuss the unfortunate autoist who is plodding along at a snail's pace, owing to his lights being out of order? Said driver seems to forget that his vehicle should also carry a light.

Alex Sparks of Estacada, during his past auto pilgrimage thru California reports having occasionally come across a road sign reading "Dangerous but Passable." He suggests that Estacada place similar signs on Broadway and Third St. and on a few stretches of sidewalks.

Beginning Friday morning, October 1st there will be staged in this part of the county a facsimile of the Battle of Ypres, with shot guns taking the place of 42 centimeters and China pheasants, the enemy.

One would think that sidewalk planks cost \$5. each and it required a days labor to place the plank, from the reticence shown by some of the property owners in the repair of their sidewalks.

As a suggestion, after the officials have divided the county into suitable road districts, it might be acceptable to this neck of the woods, if the county itself was divided.

Our local, county and state fairs seem to be drifting slightly away from the original and primary intent of such exhibitions.

Fairs should fundamentally act as a stimulus to better home production, bringing together once a year for comparison the best efforts of the growers in agricultural, animal or manufactured products.

Each year should see better exhibits, showing a steady improvement carrying with them more instructive value. Liberal prizes should be offered to encourage improvement and experimentation along practical farming lines but too large a proportion of the money should not be spent on the entertainment and amusement features of a fair.

From the standpoint of the box office receipts, it is the amusement program which draws the crowds, but if a larger percent-

age of the money was expended in previously arousing competition and interest in exhibiting, it would still draw the crowds and be of more direct value.

It takes no horse race or other amusement feature to draw an exhibitor to a fair. Any and every exhibitor will attend if for no other reason than to see his or her exhibit and compare it with others.

It is a safe assumption that not over 10% of the total attendance at such an exhibition comprises exhibitors, 90% coming to be amused. This proportion might be greatly changed if more preliminary work was done in arousing interest and competition.

In recent years prizes are being awarded for exhibits along domestic science, sewing and art lines. In other words the results of the housewife's labors are being given their due share of prominence. This is right, but mistakes are being made in these departments, which should be corrected.

For instance, at the Canby Fair last week, a first cash prize, amounting to a dollar or two was awarded a bed quilt, which was shown in the Estacada exhibit. This quilt is the property of the editor's wife, being an heirloom handed down for three or four generations. Its origin and history were known to the judges and the name of the maker with date of 1860 were embroidered on it, as were the names of her daughter and granddaughter.

This quilt represented a most beautiful piece of workmanship, being a handsome specimen of sewing and embroidery as done by the tireless housewives of fifty years ago, before the sewing machine and bargain counter lace were present.

Why should this quilt receive a cash prize from Clackamas coun-

ty? It was not made in this county or by a resident thereof.

Similar prizes amounting to many dollars are awarded each year for just such foolish exhibits. Paintings, sewing, embroideries and other art exhibits which were never made in Clackamas county, nor is it claimed that they were, are drawing cash prizes. Many of these exhibits look as though they had come around the Horn in '49 or were wedding presents of a generation ago.

Such articles are proper to supplement an exhibit and should be shown, but should not be awarded cash prizes amounting to almost as much as are awarded important agricultural products, the development of which means prosperity and beneficial results to the community.

It would be just as sensible for a fair to award a cash premium for a fine piece of Grand Rapids furniture, that some resident might own, a set of antique silverware or a late model printing press and if it is not necessary that an exhibit be home grown or locally made, why not award apples from Hood River, alfalfa from Eastern Oregon or coconuts from Timbuctoo?

E. H. S. Athletes On Varsity

Estacada High School may well be proud of its graduate athletes who are coming into the lime light in college athletics.

Chet Womer is making a strong fight for the full-back position on Willamette University's foot ball team and Ken Bartlett is in line for varsity honors at the U. of O. Ken played part of the game last Saturday against Multnomah but finally was ruled off for refusing to allow a couple of the Multnomah huskies to grind his face in the mud.

Before the season is over, these foot ball stars will figure prominently in university gridiron news.



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